



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: February 25, 2011

Meeting Location: Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Gilbert Smith, Regional Manager; Angela Smith Grossman, Director Tippecanoe County DCS; Barbara Bedrick, Director White County DCS; Judge Rush, Tippecanoe County; Judge Rader, Warren County; Coleen Hamrick, Tippecanoe County CASA; Stacey Morgan, FCM Supervisor Clinton County; JP Thorpe, Foster Parent; and Elva James, Director Benton County DCS.

Council Members Absent: Pam Crum, foster parent; Cathy Booe, FCM Supervisor Fountain County, Judge Henderson, Fountain County.

Others In Attendance: Joan Caylor-Luna, Region 5 Regional Finance Manager; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child and Family Services; Tom Gilliam, Wabash Valley Alliance; Sonya Janssen, Director Warren County DCS; Dawn Dixon, Families United; and Pam Biggs Reed, Bauer Family Resource Center (formerly Community and Family Resource Center).

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:30 am

1. Minutes from November 19, 2010 were submitted.
2. Community Partners Report – Tom Gilliam gave the report of referrals and flex funding spent as follows:
 - a. Benton County – 83 referrals, \$11,752.04 flex funds spent (\$139 per family)
 - b. Carroll County – 187 referrals, \$25,063.92 flex funds spent (\$134 per family)
 - c. Clinton County – 230 referrals, \$15,182.58 flex funds spent (\$66 per family)

- d. Fountain County – 313 referrals, \$34,096.18 flex funds spent (\$108 per family)
- e. Tippecanoe County – 1455 referrals, \$149,489.34 flex funds spent (\$102 per family)
- f. Warren County – 104 referrals, \$7995.23 flex funds spent (\$76 per family)
- g. White County – 354 referrals, \$21,966.26 flex funds spent (\$62 per family)

Tom reported that if we continue to spend at the current level we will be under spent. The task will be to expand services. Judge Rush asked if the call center is making referrals. Angela Smith Grossman stated that the referrals don't seem to be consistent. They don't refer to the degree that the local office refers.

Tom stated that the contract being proposed by the state is very different than the current contract.

3. Financial Report, Joan Caylor-Luna – We don't have the budget for the next fiscal year yet. This year's budget will be going off of last year's numbers. Judge Rush is concerned because they no longer consult with the Judges. This is concerning to her because of possible budget cuts. Angela stated that there is sometimes a lag in payment processing due to vendors using the wrong form, the wrong service standard being selected or a data entry error on the referral form. Judge Rush is worried that possible billing snafus will cause problems with the budget.

Providers need to get billings in by May because of the June cut off for the fiscal year or it will go into next year's budget.

4. RFP Scoring Summary – Kristen Ellingwood is our new Child Welfare Consultant for Regions 5, 6 and 9. Due to the weather she wasn't able to attend the meeting but joined via by spider phone. She gave some background on the scoring process. The scoring is done in Central Office. SNAP scored the Family Prep ones. Right now they are in the process of getting approvals, and then they will be put into KidTraks. After that the accept / reject letters will go out and the contracts will be completed. Kristen let the providers present at this meeting know that there is a KidTraks invoicing training coming up. We have lost a few long time providers. Some because of the rates but mostly just because they made that personal decision.

Gil went over the scoring summary. Wabash Valley Alliance will serve the surrounding six counties while Bauer Family Resources will serve only Tippecanoe. Tippecanoe has not had to absorb any money from the surrounding counties or vise versa so there should be no fiscal impact. The question was asked whether we are able to transfer money between

contracts. Kristen said she would say the answer is probably no but she will check on it.

Gil said the state has reallocated an entire block of Community Partners money. Region 5 lost a little but not as much as some Regions. He still feels comfortable that Region 5 will have the money it needs.

Gil asked for a motion to accept the selected proposals. Elva James made the motion. Barb Bedrick seconded it. Gil asked for questions. JP Thorpe asked about residential substance use treatment and why we didn't accept it. Gil stated that we don't use it but if we did need it, other Regions in the state have a contract so we could use it. The motion passed as presented.

We had one provider (ASL) that totally missed the RFP. We can open an RFP with this provider and any others that we think we need and that decision should be made today. Judge Rush said there was a provider/service left off that is used a lot for CHINS. Tippecanoe County Government re-entry home based services. One other provider was suggested. Cary Home home based after care. Gil asked for a motion to open an RFP on these three providers. Judge Rader made a motion. Elva James seconded it. The motion was approved.

5. Practice Indicator Reports – Sandy Lock was unable to make it due to the inclement weather. Members had been emailed the information. Repeat Maltreatment was discussed. Gil had sent an email to the directors to review these cases. There is a problem with duplication in ICWIS that needs to be fixed. One problem with repeat maltreatment statistics is that as additional things are found as the case progresses it counts even though it may have happened two years ago. It doesn't have to be a closed case that is reopened.
6. Gil wanted to mention that he has recently spent a lot of time looking at data and Region 5 is doing exceptionally well. There was discussion of the motto Safely Home Families First and the five areas of protective factors.
7. Dismissal of the courts.

Presentations:

Debbie Branfield, Crossroad

Elena Dwyre and Jennifer Gill, Campagna Academy

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location: The meeting scheduled for March 25, 2011 has been canceled. The next meeting will be at 7:30 am May 27, 2011, at the Department of Child Services office in Tippecanoe County, 250 Main Street, Third Floor.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:45 am.